

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that claims 3, 4, and 13 are directed to allowable subject matter.

In view of this indication, claims 1-17 have been canceled in favor of new claims 18-33.

New claim 18 recites subject matter of allowable claim 3 in independent form.

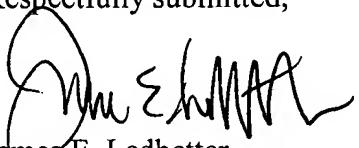
Independent claim 33 is a method claim corresponding to the apparatus defined by claim 18.

Support for the subject matter of dependent claims 19-32 is provided in the original claims.

Accordingly, allowance of claims 18-33 is deemed to be warranted.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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